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HARDING SAYS PEACE SHOULD BE DECLARED

In Message to Congress He
Makes It Plain He Be-
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Dead.

ECONOMY IS ADVOCATED Would Restrain National Ex- penditure to Country's In- come to Lift War Burden.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Congress should adopt a resolution calling for a separate peace with Germany, President Harding recommended in his first message to Congress here today. He said that by such resolution should make clear to the world the responsibility for the war. He said it plain that he believed that the League of Nations is dead.

The message raised the question of a possible ratification of the Versailles treaty with the League covenant deleted. Harding did not state explicitly that he advocated it but he endorsed the assumption of the rights and interests provided under the existing treaty, "assuming of course, that satisfactory acceptance of the document with such explicit reservations and modifications as would secure our absolute freedom and essential interests."

In his message, the President declared for a lower tax rate and dealt mostly with other domestic problems. After recommending that resolutions of peace should be passed he declared that the resolution should in no way interfere with the collection of the reparations or the restoration of war-torn Europe.

He declared that this country would never back the League of Nations but reiterated his belief in the idea of an association of world powers. He said that this government would take no part in a League of Nations governed by a council of world powers and that there would be no betrayal of the trust placed in him at the recent election.

In rejecting the League of Nations, he said: "This government will never surrender any of her rights but in an association which proposes to aid in securing permanent peace for the world will heartily co-operate."

The United States and associated powers, he said, are technically in a state of war and declared that this anomalous condition should be cleared up at once in Congress declaring a technical peace. He said that Congress under no circumstances should attempt to state the future policies of the United States as this would be an assumption of the functions of the executive.

He said that economy would be the dominant policy of the present administration, and that every attempt would be made to restrain the national expenditure to national income and lift the burden of the war from the people as soon as possible. He said that he expected the legislative as well as the administrative branch of the government to practice economy.

He advocated measures to better the public welfare, encouragement of the merchant marine, aid in the development of radio activity, co-operation in the maintenance as well as in the building of roads with the states, adequate navy, and the suppression of lynchings.

A summary of President Harding's message follows:

Taxation: Repeal of the excess profits tax and the absolute, inequitable and unjust measures under our present system, and wiping out of the shipping burden.

Tariffs: Instant emergency tariff legislation followed by "mature" revision of tariff on protective basis which would bring American wage standards and industries.

Budget: Competent economy bills and business-like methods in the administration and operation of the government.

Prices: The existing retail prices of perishable food are not justifiable in the face of recent declines. A congressional investigation was proposed as an incentive to a speedier return to a normal level.

Railroads: A congressional investigation was proposed to eliminate the remnants of capitalistic exploitation, a reduction of rates and operating cost and a co-operation of wage earners and management to give the maximum service to the public.

Merchant Marine: Government encouragement but not operation of shipping. A revision of the merchant marine law if the existing one is found inadequate and co-ordination of the activities of the water carriers.

Communication: American owned and operated radio service and the prohibition of private monopolies. He also declared for a lower rate for press matters.

Aviation: A federal regulated bureau of aeronautics and control of the army air service, aid in the development of commercial aviation and continuation of the existing air mail service.

Soldier relief: Approval of the recom-

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday, probably with showers. Cooler Wednesday.

For Missouri: Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday; probably showers north portion; warmer south and east-central, and cooler northwest portions tonight; cooler north portion Wednesday.

High pressure covers the eastern half of the United States, and the accompanying weather is clear and cool. Relatively low pressure is over the Plains region, with somewhat unsettled and windy weather, but no precipitation has fallen up to 7 a. m. this morning.

Showers are probable over Missouri during the next 24 to 36 hours. The roads are in fair condition, except there are some rough places near New Florence, High Hill, and Cattleville on the Old Trails.

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LOCAL LEGION MAY GET LIST OF SLACKERS

To Help Adjutant-General in
Checking and Investigating
the Cases of Boone
County Men.

WILL AID AUTHORITIES State Survey of Disabled Form- er Service Men to Be Urg- ed at St. Louis Meeting.

Slackers in Boone County may soon find their names on file at the headquarters of the Herbert Williams Post of the American Legion if action taken by the post last night produces any result. By unanimous vote, the members of the legion instructed Commander J. A. Douglas to write to the adjutant general requesting a list of Boone County slackers to be sent immediately. Mr. Douglas mailed the request today.

The request follows the notice that the adjutant general has been awaiting an opinion as to the liability of the government in case an innocent man's name is published. The list will be primarily for the purpose of checking, so that no local man's name who was in the service will appear. It was indicated last night that the legion may attempt to locate the slackers here and see that the authorities are notified of their whereabouts.

A state survey of disabled former service men will be proposed by Douglas at a meeting of the state officers of the American Legion to be held in St. Louis April 18. Following an expose of the condition of many former service men by Dr. M. P. Ravenel, who backed his statements with an investigation made by the state of Illinois, the legion instructed Douglas to request the state meeting to appoint a committee which will see Governor Hyde and request that a survey be made.

According to Doctor Ravenel, the army recently decided that it would not take further care of the disabled former soldiers, and 52,000 disabled men were dumped upon the hands of the Public Health Service which had neither the funds, equipment or personnel to care for them. As a result, thousands of men are in serious condition on account of neglect and lack of medical attention and funds. Doctor Ravenel cited an instance recently of a soldier who had contracted tuberculosis and was repeatedly visiting the offices of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance in an attempt to get his insurance. He died in an office while waiting an audience with the officials of the bureau.

Doctor Ravenel, who is active in the attempt to get a rehabilitation hospital for Columbia is optimistic. He considers Columbia the logical place, as it is a central point with splendid educational facilities. The city of Columbia, also, he said, would be willing to donate the ground wherever desired.

ANNUAL MEETING IS HELD
Miss Burrall Principal Speaker at
Y. P. U. Conference.

The auditorium of the Broadway Methodist Church was crowded to its capacity Sunday night, when the Young People's Union of Columbia held its annual meeting at 6:30 o'clock. Miss Jessie Burrall, of Stephens College faculty, addressed the young people. She emphasized the fact that they should feel the responsibility of church loyalty, that if they interested themselves in the work of the church, they would not find time for the less important worldly pleasures.

The meeting was in charge of W. E. Crowe of the Broadway Methodist Church, president of the Young People's Union. Claude E. Stuckey led the singing. A cosmopolitan orchestra furnished the music.

PROGRAM GIVEN AT MISSION
Christian Endeavor Members Entertain With Songs and Talks.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church met Sunday evening at the Methodist Church and went in cars to the Hinkson Mission.

Twenty-five members took the trip. They were met by persons who live in the vicinity of the mission.

A musical program was given and members of the Christian Endeavor sang several songs.

The young people's unions of all the churches in Columbia support the Hinkson Mission and direct its services.

Dr. Molay Chapter Installed.
Prof. John Pickard and twenty-two members of the local chapter of Dr. Molay installed a chapter of the order at Jefferson City Saturday night. Thirty candidates were initiated. The ladies of the Eastern Star entertained the guests at a 6 o'clock dinner Saturday just before the installation.

Dean Mumford Goes to Chicago.
F. B. Mumford, dean of the College of Agriculture, went to Chicago this afternoon. From there he will go to Washington, D. C. He is working in the interest of agricultural schools.

To Hold Baptismal Services.
Baptismal services will be held Wednesday night at the Christian church. Twenty persons converted during the Holy Week services will be baptized.

THEATER IS INCORPORATED Articles Filed With Circuit Clerk —Capital Stock \$42,000.

Articles for the incorporation of the Columbia Theater Co. were filed with the Circuit Clerk this afternoon. The capital stock of the company amounts to \$42,000, and is divided into 420 shares. The shareholders are: P. F. Anderson, D. B. Robnett, N. D. Evans, S. C. Hunt, Alex. Bradford, W. R. Karstetter, Thomas McHarg, Lakenan N. Price, J. P. Davis, Leonard Morris, W. S. Brahm and H. A. Collier, all of Columbia. Each of these men hold thirty-five shares.

The officers of the corporation are: President, P. F. Anderson; vice-president, D. B. Robnett; secretary-treasurer, N. D. Evans. The corporation is to continue for fifty years.

BUYS STORE IN CAPITAL Wolff-Berger Company Will Operate Branch in Jefferson City.

The Wolff-Berger Dry Goods Company has purchased the store of Frank Linbush on Madison street in Jefferson City and will operate a store there as soon as the building has been remodeled. The company now has stores in Columbia, Moberly and Centralia.

FACTIONS MEET LLOYD GEORGE Mining Areas Now Quiet— Army and Navy to Be Strengthened.

LONDON, April 12.—The headquarters of the triple alliance announced late today that there would be no strike tonight.

The strike of railroad and transportation workers was called for midnight in sympathy with the strike of coal miners.

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